

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A change of grade connector comprising:

first and second connector members, each of said connector members being configured to attach to a landscaping edging strip;

said first connector member having a first longitudinal axis and said second connector member having a second longitudinal axis;

a fastener assembly defining a pivot axis, said fastener assembly being configured to pivotally attach said first connector member to said second connector member; and

said first and second connector members being pivotal with respect to each other about said pivot axis between a first position in which said first and second longitudinal axes are aligned and a second position in which said first and second longitudinal axes are out of alignment.

2. (Original) The change of grade connector according to Claim 1, wherein each of said first and second connector members are composed of at least one of aluminum, steel and plastic.

3. (Original) The change of grade connector according to Claim 1, wherein said fastener assembly is a single nut and bolt assembly and an axis of the bolt corresponds to the pivot axis.

4. (Original) The change of grade connector according to Claim 1, wherein each of said first and second connector members includes a stop which is configured to limit the distance said edging strip can be moved along a respective said connector member.

5. (Original) The change of grade connector according to Claim 1, wherein said first longitudinal axis is inclined relative to said second longitudinal axis to angles between 0° and 90° when said connector is in said second position.

6. (Original) The change of grade connector according to Claim 1, wherein said first and second connector members are infinitely adjustable between said first and second positions.

7. (Original) The change of grade connector according to Claim 1, wherein said fastener assembly includes a hole and arcuate slot in each of said first and second connector members and being configured to orient a hole in one connector member with an arcuate slot in the other connector member when two opposing sides of the connector members are mated, a nut and bolt assembly being received in each aligned hole and arcuate slot to thereby orient said pivot axis midway between each hole and arcuate slot.

8. (Original) The change of grade connector according to Claim 7, wherein one end of each connector member is rounded on a radius having a center point corresponding to said pivot axis.

9. (Original) The change of grade connector according to Claim 1, wherein one end of each connector member is rounded on a radius having a center point corresponding to said pivot axis.

10. (Original) The change of grade connector according to Claim 1, wherein there is provided a lance on both of said first and second connector members projecting from a side thereof and configured to overlap a surface opposed thereto on an adjacent connector member.